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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged when compared to Thursday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand was light to instances fairly good. Supplies were adequate to at times ample on the larger sizes and balanced to tight on the lighter weight eggs. Breaking stock offerings were tight to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Schedules were mostly normal. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Slaughter schedules were reported as mostly full-time.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 3 cents higher for medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and fully steady for medium. Cartoned and loose egg sales were light to moderate at best. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and balanced to tight for mediums.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY | IA-MN-WI |
|-------------|-------|--------|--|
| EXTRA LARGE | 50-59 | 53-56 | Prices paid to producers. Range Mostly |
| LARGE | 49-58 | 51-54 | LARGE 31-40 35 |
| MEDIUM | 37-46 | 39-42 | MEDIUM 24-30 28 |
| | | | SMALL 9-13 |

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Retail and distributive demand ranged light to fairly good. Supplies were adequate to close for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for a fair to moderate demand. Schedules were reported as mostly normal. Spent hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for a fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were noted as mostly full-time.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 59-74 | 60-63 |
| LARGE | 53-67 | 58-62 |
| MEDIUM | 39-52 | 44-46 |

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL All prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady for the larger sizes and fully steady medium. Cartoned shell egg demand and loose shell egg movement were both light to moderate at best. Supplies were adequate for the larger sizes and balanced to at times close for medium. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate with demand reported as mostly light to moderate. Schedules full time. Trade sentiment was steady.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|---------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 59.5-68 | 61-64 |
| LARGE | 55.5-64 | 57-60 |
| MEDIUM | 43.5-52 | 45-48 |

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on mediums and unchanged on larger sizes. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was light to instances good. Supplies were adequate to barely adequate. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for mostly normal processing schedules. Light type hens were at least adequate to fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|------------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 59.5-67.25 | 61-64 |
| LARGE | 58-65 | 59-62 |
| MEDIUM | 33.25-48 | 41-45 |

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to yesterday's values. Trade sentiment ending the week was steady to fully steady. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were barely adequate to fully adequate for present trade requirements.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 67-71 |
| LARGE | 65-69 |
| MEDIUM | 56-60 |

MIDWEST REGIONAL

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|-------------|-------|--------|
| EXTRA LARGE | 57-65 | 58-60 |
| LARGE | 55-63 | 56-58 |
| MEDIUM | 43-51 | 44-46 |

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on the large sizes, firm on medium with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large; 5 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

CALIFORNIA Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on the large sizes, firm on medium and small with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, and 5 cents higher on medium and small. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 63.

CALIFORNIA Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 113 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 105 |
| LARGE | 94 |
| MEDIUM | 83 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|---------|
| JUMBO | 279-329 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 249-299 |
| LARGE | 199-239 |
| MEDIUM | 189-195 |

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

| | RANGE |
|-------------|-------|
| JUMBO | 85-95 |
| EXTRA LARGE | 83-93 |
| LARGE | 81-84 |
| MEDIUM | 70-73 |

CENTRAL REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to adequate and held with added confidence. Demand was mostly light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| BREAKING STOCK | 24-29 | 25-28 |
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 15-22 | 17-19 |

CENTRAL STATES AREA: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week trading. Trade sentiment was irregular but mostly steady. Demand was fair to moderate as offerings were reported as sufficient, but limited for trade requirements. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16-Sep-2006 were 10 % more than a week earlier, but 3% less than a year ago.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|----------------------|-------|--------|
| CHECKS & UNDERGRADES | 12-19 | 13-17 |
| BREAKING STOCK | 24-28 | 25-27 |

EASTERN STATES AREA: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -W/E 16-Sep-06
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

| | CASES BROKEN | LIQUID WHOLE | LIQUID WHITE | LIQUID YOLK | DRIED | INED |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|---------|
| CW | 1,339,966 | 32,086 | 13,113 | 6,562 | 2,621 | 4,415 |
| PW | 1,278,334 | 31,632 | 11,953 | 5,964 | 2,624 | 4,454 |
| LY | 1,344,955 | 33,183 | 12,363 | 6,434 | 3,128 | 4,462 |
| % PW | 5% | 1% | 10% | 10% | 0% | -1% |
| % LY | 0% | -3% | 6% | 2% | -16% | -1% |
| 2006 | 47,949,469 | 1,175,149 | 449,752 | 238,163 | 107,622 | 161,566 |
| 2005 | 48,321,210 | 1,138,484 | 474,543 | 254,146 | 108,234 | 163,469 |
| % YTD | -1% | 3% | -5% | -6% | -1% | -1% |

| | CW | PW | LY |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Included) | 41.92 | 42.24 | 41.97 |
| Average Yield Per Case - (Inedible Excluded) | 38.63 | 38.76 | 38.65 |

IN-LINE PRODUCTION (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material)

| | Cases Broken | | Liquid whole | |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | Cases | % of Total | Lbs. | % of Total |
| CURRENT WEEK | 579,714 | 43.3% | 15,877 | 49.5% |
| PREVIOUS WEEK | 599,837 | 46.9% | 16,444 | 52.0% |
| LAST YEAR | 541,747 | 40.3% | 14,288 | 43.1% |

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 29 to 33 cents fob. Trade sentiment was mostly steady for whole egg, steady to firm for whites and yolk, mostly steady to fully steady. Offerings were easily adequate to fully adequate for whole egg, adequate for whites and adequate to short of needs for yolk. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg and whites and improved for yolk and reported as fairly good to instances good. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

| CLASS | LOADS | RANGE | WTD. AVG. | CHANGE FROM LAST WEEK |
|--------|-------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| WHOLE | 46 | 22-24.5 | 22.63 | -.05 |
| WHITES | 34 | 25.5-29.25 | 27.19 | -.07 |
| YOLKS | 17 | 29-34 | 31.47 | .59 |

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg ranged unchanged to 1 cent higher with whites unchanged. Sugared yolk ranged irregular with salt yolk unchanged to 1 cent lower. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady for whole egg and whites, cautiously steady for sugared yolk, and barely steady to instances weak for salted yolk. Offerings were adequate for all frozen products. Demand was fair to fairly good for whole egg and whites, light for sugared yolk and very light to slow for salted yolk. Breaking stock prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week's reported prices.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
|--------------------------------|-------|--------|
| WHOLE | 36-45 | 40-41 |
| WHITES | 43-52 | 43-45 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 49-53 | |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 44-52 | 44-49 |

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were unchanged on whites and salt yolks, but unchanged to slightly higher on whole and sugar yolks when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair on whole and sugar yolks, whites interest was light, and salt yolk was very light. Supplies were adequate for most needs. Undertone was barely steady on salt yolks, steady on blends, and fully steady on whole and sugar yolks. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 16-Sep-2006 were 5 % more than the previous week, but 10 % less than a year ago; the total to date of liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) was about 3 % less than the total a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

| | TRUCKLOTS | LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.) |
|--|-----------|------------------------|
| | RANGE | MOSTLY |
| WHOLE | 37-45 | 39-44 |
| BLENDS (/) | TFEWR | 42-50 |
| WHITES | 39-52 | 40-45 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 48-56 | 49-55 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 43-52 | 44-48 |
| (/) - Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids. | | 51-65 |

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 1 cent higher on whole, unchanged on whites and yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 9/16 was 13% more than the previous week. Frozen demand light and freezer stocks adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB Shipping point

(cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

| | RANGE |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| WHOLE | 45-49 |
| WHITES | 47-50 |
| SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 56-59 |
| SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS) | 52-56 |

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices were unchanged on blends and albumen, but unchanged to slightly higher on yolks, and higher on whole eggs when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonal and somewhat light with offerings sufficient for trade needs. The undertone was usually steady on yolks and blends, and steady to full steady on whole and whites. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 16-Sep-2006 were unchanged from the previous week, but 16 % less than a year ago. The total year to date production on dried eggs produced was 1 % lower when compared to a year earlier.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in cont., Trucklot and LTL volumes.

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| WHOLE | 1.32-1.57 | MOSTLY 1.37-1.50 |
| YOLKS | 1.10-1.25 | MOSTLY 1.13-1.24 |
| ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED | 2.97-3.25 | MOSTLY 3.00-3.10 |
| BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER) | 1.17-1.35 | MOSTLY 1.18-1.30 |

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR SEPT 15, 2006-SEPT 21, 2006

| CURRENT LOADS | | | | | | | | FUTURE LOADS | | | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-----|-------|-----|-------|-------|
| | | SE | | NE | | MW | | | | SC | | NW | | SW | |
| CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS | CLASS | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | ORG | DST | LOADS |
| GNR W 1 | 36.00 | — | 37.20 | 38.61 | — | — | 11.00 | GL W J | 47.26 | — | — | — | — | 56.96 | 6.75 |
| GNR BR 1 | — | 66.00 | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | GL W XL | — | 46.00 | — | 52.00 | — | 51.49 | 19.50 |
| GL W J | — | — | 53.50 | 55.00 | 40.00 | — | 3.00 | GL W LG | — | — | — | 52.79 | — | 47.53 | 21.25 |
| GL W XL | 48.50 | 52.00 | 49.50 | 48.74 | 39.77 | 51.50 | 61.50 | GL W MD | 33.83 | — | — | 41.83 | — | 42.33 | 12.25 |
| GL W LG | — | 52.00 | 45.00 | 44.99 | 37.09 | — | 44.50 | GL W SM | — | — | — | — | — | 25.67 | 3.00 |
| GL W MD | 37.00 | — | 37.00 | 38.75 | 31.63 | — | 15.25 | GL BR XL | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 |
| GL W SM | 23.00 | — | 22.56 | 24.81 | — | — | 6.00 | NRBS - 48 | — | — | — | — | — | — | 8.00 |
| GL BR XL | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 48 | 24.00 | 25.00 | — | — | 28.00 | 28.83 | 24.00 | | | | | | | | |
| NRBS - 45 | — | — | — | — | — | 25.00 | 4.00 | | | | | | | | |

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair to moderate, best into rendering operations. Offerings were at least adequate to fully adequate. Processing schedules were mostly normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | 5-12 | 9-10 |

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were TFEWR. Demand was light for spent leghorns. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Salvage values were expected to remain constant.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|-------------------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | TOO FEW TO REPORT | |

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was mostly light to instances fairly good with offerings fully adequate. Processing schedules full-time. Trade sentiment steady.

| | RANGE | MAJORITY |
|--------------|--------|----------|
| REMOVAL COST | 5.5-11 | 6-8 |

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules moderate. Offerings adequate.

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

| REGIONS | EX LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM |
|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| NORTHEAST | 61.50 | 60.00 | 45.00 |
| SOUTHEAST | 62.50 | 60.50 | 43.00 |
| MIDWEST | 54.50 | 52.50 | 40.50 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL | 62.50 | 58.50 | 46.50 |
| COMBINED REGIONAL | 60.32 | 57.83 | 43.87 |

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy canners was too few to report; unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate to available with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was no better than fair for the mostly light and unaggressive buyer interest. Processing schedules were mostly normal. The undertone was no better than steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 18-28 MAJORITY 23-24 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

| LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) | HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS) |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25 | TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT |

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 16-Sept-06**U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY**

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| Head | 970 | 1,542 | 2,512 |
| Last Week | 876 | 1,242 | 2,118 |
| Same week yr ago | 1,331 | 1,551 | 2,882 |
| To-date/2006 | 40,564 | 54,789 | 95,353 |
| To-date/2005 | 54,793 | 52,488 | 107,281 |

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| Head | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Last Week | 85 | 0 | 85 |
| Same week yr ago | 214 | 0 | 214 |
| To-date/2006 | 5,861 | 23 | 5,884 |
| To-date/2005 | 9,773 | 40 | 9,813 |

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

| | LIGHT HENS | HEAVY HENS | TOTAL HENS |
|------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | THOUSANDS | | |
| Head | 970 | 1,542 | 2,512 |
| Last Week | 961 | 1,242 | 2,203 |
| Same week yr ago | 1,545 | 1,551 | 3,096 |
| To-date/2006 | 46,425 | 54,812 | 101,237 |
| To-date/2005 | 64,566 | 52,528 | 117,094 |

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-**U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending September 09, 2006 | Year-To-Date | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|--------|
| TYPE | 2006 | 2005 1/ | 2006 2/ | 2005 |
| Liquid | 97 | 398 | 7,022 | 12,610 |
| Frozen | 0 | 0 | 172 | 42 |
| Dried | 40 | 0 | 450 | 488 |
| Total | 137 | 398 | 7,644 | 13,140 |

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

| Week Ending September 09, 2006 | Year-To-Date | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|-------|
| TYPE | 2006 | 2005 1/ | 2006 2/ | 2005 |
| Liquid | 46 | 88 | 2,518 | 5,011 |
| Frozen | 0 | 48 | 766 | 559 |
| Dried | 0 | 0 | 66 | 371 |
| Total | 46 | 136 | 3,350 | 5,941 |

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

| Week Ending September 09, 2006 | Year-To-Date | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|
| TYPE | 2006 | 2005 1/ | 2006 2/ | 2005 |
| Jumbo | 0 | 0 | 150 | 129 |
| Extra Large | 2,370 | 4,560 | 62,151 | 163,648 |
| Large | 3,440 | 5,020 | 117,741 | 281,391 |
| Medium | 1,230 | 3,183 | 64,572 | 90,562 |
| Ungraded | 1,440 | 11,310 | 89,548 | 88,150 |
| Misc | 0 | 0 | 6,195 | 8,053 |
| Total | 8,480 | 24,073 | 340,357 | 631,933 |

1/ Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

2/ Includes revisions to previous week(s).

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch.

CHICKENS AND EGGS**August Egg Production Up 1 Percent**

U.S. egg production totaled 7.64 billion during August 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.56 billion table eggs, and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 65 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during August 2006 averaged 341 million, up slightly from last year. August egg production per 100 layers was 2,239 eggs, up 1 percent from August 2005.

All layers in the U.S. on September 1, 2006, totaled 342 million, up 1 percent from last year. The 342 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 53.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.73 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on September 1, 2006, averaged 72.6 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from September 1, 2005.

Source: NASS

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COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT

(Receipts From Producers)

| W/E 16-SEP-2006 | CASES | PERCENT CHANGE FROM | |
|--------------------------|------------|---------------------|----|
| REGIONS | (IN THOUS) | PW | LY |
| North Atlantic | 204.1 | 0 | -4 |
| East North Central | 641.9 | 2 | 2 |
| West North Central | 295.2 | 4 | 6 |
| South Atlantic | 191.4 | -3 | 1 |
| South Central | 57.7 | 0 | -8 |
| West | 195.7 | -1 | -1 |
| Total | 1586.0 | 1 | 1 |
| Matched Plants reporting | | 83 | 83 |

Areas Covered: North Atlantic (ME,VT,MA,RI,CT,NH,NY,PA,NJ,MD,DE)
 East North Central (WI,IL,MI,OH,IN) West North Central (IA,MN,MO,KS,SD)
 South Atlantic (SC,NC,VA,GA,FL,KY) South Central (TN,AL,AR,MS,OK)
 West (CA,CO,WA,OR,UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

| W/E 16-SEP-2006 | CW | LW | PERCENT CHANGE | |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|----------------|-----|
| Selected | (Thousands) | | LW | LY |
| Consuming Centers | | | | |
| Atlanta | 27.2 | 26.0 | 5 | 14 |
| Boston | 3.3 | 2.9 | 14 | 6 |
| Chicago | 83.8 | 85.3 | -2 | 19 |
| Detroit | 14.9 | 13.9 | 7 | -15 |
| Kansas City | 4.2 | 5.4 | -22 | 40 |
| Los Angeles | 109.4 | 106.0 | 3 | -2 |
| New Orleans | 5.1 | 5.4 | -6 | 364 |
| New York | 27.1 | 26.1 | 4 | -5 |
| St. Louis | 13.9 | 15.2 | -9 | 0 |
| San Francisco | 17.6 | 18.2 | -3 | 0 |
| Total | 306.5 | 304.4 | 1 | 6 |
| 4 Week Moving Avg. | 300.7 | | | |

COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - Selected Centers (Incl. Gov't Stocks)

| (IN THOUSANDS) | | Frozen Eggs/LBS | Turkeys/LBS | Processed other Poultry/LBS |
|----------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| AM | 09/18/06 | 3,150 | 104,420 | 69,387 |
| AM | 09/01/06 | 3,241 | 106,259 | 71,254 |
| CHG | | -91 | -1839 | -1867 |
| PCT CHG | | -3% | -2% | -3% |

MONTHLY COLD STORAGE REPORT

(In Units of 1,000)

| | 31-Jul | 31-Jul | 31-Aug | 31-Aug |
|-------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| FROZEN EGGS: | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 |
| Whites | 2,793 | 2,953 | 2,806 | 2,537 |
| Yolks | 1,174 | 1,274 | 1,207 | 1,387 |
| Whole & Mixed | 12,501 | 14,981 | 12,447 | 13,274 |
| Unclassified | 3,143 | 4,388 | 3,478 | 4,048 |
| Total Frozen Eggs | 19,611 | 23,596 | 19,938 | 21,246 |

Source: NASS

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

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Prices paid per dozen Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

| | EXTRA LARGE | LARGE | MEDIUM | SMALL |
|----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|-------|
| MAINE | 117 | 109 | 68 | 50 |
| MOSTLY | - | - | - | - |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE | 110-114 | 102-106 | 62-66 | 43-47 |
| MOSTLY | 112-113 | 104-105 | 64-65 | 45-46 |
| RHODE ISLAND | 116-120 | 108-112 | 67-71 | 49-53 |
| MOSTLY | 116 | 108 | 67 | 49 |
| VERMONT | 117 | 109-110 | 68-75 | - |
| MOSTLY | - | 109 | 68 | - |